

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2005

BOARD: Board of Licensure of Foresters

DATE: April 27, 2005

ROOM: Central Conference Room

LOCATION: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

TIME

SCHEDULED: 8:30 A.M.

TIME CALLED

TO ORDER: 8:42 A.M.

ADJOURN: 2:00 P.M.

CHAIR: William Ostrofsky

VICE-CHAIR: Sumner A. Jones, Jr.

BOARD CLERK: Susan Greenlaw

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr., Carol Redelsheimer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rene Noel Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Minutes of March 23, 2005 Meeting

A recommendation was made to amend the minutes to reflect that the Board discussed notification of the Decision & Order beyond those normally notified by the OLR Complaint Office. Members were informed of the Department's policy regarding notification.

A motion was made by Stephen Holt to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2005 meeting as amended; seconded by Sumner Jones. Unanimous.

Exam Database/Software Update

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

No report.

Complaint Officer's Report

Carol Redelsheimer reported that there is one new complaint pending.

Kevin Weatherbee – A motion was made by William Ostrofsky to offer a Consent Agreement accepting the voluntary surrender of his license and that there will be no further discipline relative to continuing education and will unlikely be able to obtain a waiver of the licensing requirements if he should apply for licensure in the future; seconded by Sumner Jones. Unanimous.

Members were notified that Eugene Putnam has appealed the Board's Decision (#FO-039 hearing 2/9/05).

Review and Action on March 28, 2005 Exam Results

Seven individuals sat for the exam. Six received passing scores and one failed. A motion was made by Stephen Holt to accept the exam scores as presented; seconded by Sumner Jones. Unanimous.

Review and Action on Continuing Education Audits

The Board reviewed and approved those individuals who were audited for compliance with continuing education.

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Stanley R. Perry: A motion was made by Carol Redelsheimer that the Board determined that the Fire Suppression Training qualifies for 9 hours of category 2 credit. Licensee to respond, within 14 days (1) detail as to why the course meets the category 1 requirement; (2) send documentation of other continuing education credits completed during 2003/2004; or (3) submit a written statement of intention to complete the 8 hours of category 1 credit and provide proper documentation prior to 12/31/05; seconded by Sumner Jones. Holt, Jones, and Redelsheimer voted in the affirmative; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.

Discussed sending a letter to all licensees reminding them of the need to obtain and retain documentation of continuing education completed during the licensure period. Ostrofsky will discuss this with the Board's Administrator.

No responses received – Send second notice by certified mail giving 14 days to respond. If no response, board will assume that requirements were not completed and disciplinary action may be imposed.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	TYPE	EDUCATION: METHOD OF QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	RECOMMENDATION	BOARD ACTION
Erik K. Carlson	Forester	Board approved 24 month internship effective 11/09/98. Intern Forester to present date.	March 23 - Board tabled application pending receipt of one additional reference and info from Carlson stating percentage of time involved with logging. This additional info was rec'd 4/25/05.	Exam	Approved Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Ostrofsky Unanimous
Daniel J. McConville	Intern Forester - 24 months	Method of qualifying: Degree from non-approved education program*: MS Forestry UM; BA History Middlebury College; Courses from University of Washington	Application completed 4/08/05 Sponsor – William H. Miller	24 month Internship effective 4/27/05	Approved Motion – Holt Second – Ostrofsky Unanimous
Ryan B. Robicheau	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry University of MA Amherst	Application completed 4/19/05 Sponsor – Jeffrey Williams	24 month internship effective 4/27/05	Approved Motion – Holt Second – Ostrofsky Unanimous

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Review and Action on Continuing Education Deferment Requests

LICENSEE	NATURE	BOARD DECISION
John K. Leslie	Requesting deferment because of a change in jobs in 2004; new position required greater travel, focus and time commitment; on medical grounds, he is requesting an extension to meet the terms of the continuing education requirement.	Must complete requirement on or before 12/31/05. Motion by Redelsheimer; seconded by Jones. Unanimous.
Eric T. Therriault	Requesting deferment because of a change in jobs; holds a seasonal position with Dept. of Conservation and works projects for the state in the off season; because of the lack of time (no paid vacations or holidays) it is difficult to complete the continuing education courses.	On or before 12/31/06 must complete 24 hours (16 hours of Category 1) of continuing education. Motion by Redelsheimer; seconded by Jones. Unanimous.

Review and Action on Continuing Education

NAME OF PROGRAM	SPONSOR	DATES	HOURS / CATEGORY	BOARD ACTION
Annual Mud Season Forester Training	Wagner Forest Management Ltd.	May 3, 2005 May 4, 2005	3.5 – 1 3.5 - 1	Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Jones Holt, Jones, Redelsheimer in favor; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.
Project Learning Tree Workshop and Facilitator Training for Foresters	Maine SAF	June 2, 2005	Denied	Motion – Redelsheimer Second - Jones
Wildlife and Forest Management	Maine SAF and Maine State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation	June 9, 2005	3.5 - 1	Motion – Redelsheimer Second – Jones Holt, Jones, Redelsheimer in favor; none opposed; Ostrofsky abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nothing to review.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 24, 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

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ADJOURN

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw, Board Clerk